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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	NEV684
First Inventor	JOHN D. DE COSTA
Title	VACUUM OPERABLE CONTAINER
Express Mail Label No.	

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 10]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☒ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Prior application information:

Examiner

Art Unit:

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In re Application of: **John D. De Costa**

Date Mailed: **December 31, 2003**

Title: **Vacuum Operable Container for Storing Food**

Atty Docket No.: **NEV684**


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- ☒ (X) Utility Patent transmittal letter
- ☐ ( ) Design Patent transmittal letter
- ☐ ( ) Nonpublication request form
- ☒ (X) Fee transmittal letter (claiming small entity status)
- ☒ (X) Specification, Claims, and Abstract ( 10 pages)
- ☒ (X) 3 sheets of drawings ( 4 FIGS)
- ☒ (X) Executed declaration and power of attorney
- ☒ (X) Information disclosure statement by applicant
- ☒ (X) Copies of cited references
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 385.00)

## Complete if Known

Application Number  
Filing Date  
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Examiner Name  
Art Unit  
Attorney Docket No. NEV684

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	385
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 385.00)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	20** =		
Multiple Dependent	3** =		

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130		2051 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50		2052 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130		1053 130		Non-English specification	
1812 2,520		1812 2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*		1804 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*		1805 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110		2251 55		Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410		2252 205		Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930		2253 465		Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450		2254 725		Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970		2255 985		Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320		2401 160		Notice of Appeal	
1402 320		2402 160		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280		2403 140		Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510		1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110		2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300		2453 650		Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300		2501 650		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470		2502 235		Design issue fee	
1503 630		2503 315		Plant issue fee	
1460 130		1460 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50		1807 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180		1806 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40		8021 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750		2809 375		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750		2810 375		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750		2801 375		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900		1802 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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